

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A safety device ~~for a vehicle (2), in particular for a motor vehicle,~~ for reducing the risk of injury to a vehicle occupant in the event of lateral impact, said safety device comprising: accidents, ~~having~~

at least one cushion element ~~(32, 34)~~ which is arranged on the vehicle ~~[[(2)]]~~ laterally adjacent to an occupant position and can be moved by an actuating device ~~[[(40)]]~~ from a rest position into a deployed position in the direction of the occupant position, ~~it being possible for; wherein,~~

the actuating device ~~(40) to be~~ is driven by a vehicle-mounted drive; and ~~(46), characterized~~

~~in that~~ the vehicle-mounted drive ~~(46) is embodied as~~ comprises an electric motor.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The safety device as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

~~characterized~~

~~in that~~ the cushion element (~~32, 34~~) is arranged in or on a door ~~[[8]]~~ or in or on a body pillar ~~[[6]]~~ of the vehicle ~~[[2]]~~.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The safety device as claimed in claim 1 ~~[[or 2]]~~, wherein:

~~characterized~~

~~in that~~ a plurality of cushion elements (~~32, 34~~) and/or additional foam elements (~~18, 26, 28, 30~~) ~~which are arranged in series are provided.~~

Claim 4 (currently amended): The safety device as claimed in claim 1, wherein: ~~at least one of the preceding claims,~~

~~characterized~~

~~in that~~ the cushion elements (~~32, 34~~) and/or ~~[[the]]~~ foam elements (~~18, 26, 28, 30~~) are arranged such that they can be displaced with respect to one another.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The safety device as claimed in claim 1, wherein: ~~at least one of the preceding claims,~~

~~characterized~~

~~in that~~ the cushion elements (~~32, 34~~) and/or the foam elements (~~18, 26, 28, 30~~) are at least indirectly guided by linear guides ~~[[60]]~~.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The safety device as claimed in claim 1,
wherein: ~~at least one of the preceding claims,~~

~~characterized~~

~~in that~~ the cushion element ~~(32, 34)~~ can be locked in a deployed
position.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The safety device as claimed in claim 1,
wherein: ~~at least one of the preceding claims,~~

~~characterized~~

~~in that~~ the actuating device ~~[(40)]~~ has a traction means ~~[(42)]~~
which is embodied as comprises one of a cable ~~[[or]]~~ and a belt.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The safety device as claimed in claim 7,
wherein:

~~characterized~~

~~in that~~ the traction means ~~[(42)]~~ is stored, at least in sections, in or
on a store ~~[(44)]~~.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The safety device as claimed in claim 8,
wherein:

~~characterized~~

~~in that~~ the traction means ~~[[(42)]]~~ can be wound in or onto the store ~~[[(44)]]~~; and ~~in that~~

the store ~~[[(44)]]~~ can be driven by the vehicle-mounted drive ~~[[(46)]]~~.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The safety device as claimed in claim 1, wherein: ~~at least one of the preceding claims,~~

~~characterized~~

~~in that~~ an auxiliary drive is provided for moving the cushion element ~~(32, 34)~~ in the direction of the occupant position.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The safety device as claimed in claim 10, wherein:

~~characterized~~

~~in that~~ the auxiliary drive is formed by one of a spring store ~~and/or~~ and pyrotechnic elements.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The safety device as claimed in claim 10, wherein: ~~at least one of the preceding claims,~~

~~characterized~~

~~in that~~ the vehicle-mounted drive ~~(46) and/or~~ the auxiliary drive ~~are/is~~ coupled to sensors for detecting ~~[[the]]~~ at least one of a vehicle state ~~and/or~~ a state of the vehicle's surroundings.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The safety device as claimed in claim 1, wherein: ~~at least one of the preceding claims,~~

~~characterized~~

~~in that~~ at least one return element ~~[(58)]~~ is provided for moving the at least one cushion element from a deployed position into the rest position.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The safety device as claimed in claim 13, wherein:

~~characterized~~

~~in that~~ the return element ~~(58)~~ is ~~formed by~~ comprises at least one tension spring.

Claim 15 (currently amended): Method for operating a safety device, ~~in particular as claimed in one of the preceding claims, in particular~~ for a motor vehicle for reducing the risk of injury to a vehicle occupant in the event of ~~[[later]]~~ an imminent impact accidents accident, said device having comprising:

at least one cushion element ~~(32, 34)~~ which is arranged on the vehicle ~~[[(2)]]~~ laterally adjacent to an occupant position; and ~~can be moved by~~

an actuating device ~~[[(40)]]~~ for moving said cushion element from a rest position into a deployed position in the direction of the occupant position~~[[,]]~~;

wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the actuating device ~~[(40)]~~ is driven by an electric motor.